
Xanadu Light: The Single-System Demo

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A MINIMAL DEMO VERSION

Our credibility will be enhanced enormously if we can get up a
demo system, even if it does not at first use real money or connect
with other Xanadu nodes.

Such a system will be welcome in various venues, probably
including the Exploratorium, and on the Internet.

Here is what we need:

FUNNY MONEY

There need be no actual payment or fulfillment.

THE STANDARD TABLES

The standard unit management tables will be put up, but
since there will be only one disconnected node there will be
no need for harpoons or barnacles.

TEXT ONLY, STORED IN THE DATABASE

Initial data will only be text, stored in the database system
itself rather than in separate files.

A SMALL NUMBER OF LINK TYPES

A small number of link types will be included.

TRANSLUSIONS MUST BE SUPPORTED

Transclusions (of text only, not links) must be supported.

ROYALTY ACCOUNTING

So that people have a sense of the payment structure,
royalties will accounted both for users and publishers--

"Your account would have been charged XXX
nanobucks for that piece."

"You would have received YYY nanobucks this
week."